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My very dear Sir -

You have made me a great pleasure by your favour of the 18th of February, and by the rich sending of interesting botanical works which accompanied it. I beg to excuse, that I have not yet rendered you my dearest and sincerest thanks, but I would not appear before you empty-handed and prostrated it, hoping to present you at the same time the second volume of my *Enumerat. plant. quas in Austral. collegit Dr. Pfeiff.* In November of the last year I had already sent to the printing house the Index and preface of this second volume, but since we have free press in Germany, there was no time to print other scriptures than political, and people also thinks and reads now in whole Germany nothing than what take that course. Only a few days ago I received the first copies of my book.

For a collection of seeds it was already too late for this year when I received your favour, I shall however choose a quantity of seeds for you, as soon as the harvest of seeds is finished, consequently in the next autumn and immediately forward it to you. I request the same complaisance from you for our botanical garden, and pray particularly for the rare and beautiful flowering species of all families, but especially the seeds of trees and shrubs will be very welcome; and namely the seeds of all sorts of the genus *Hog*. — Almost all the copies of my *Fugill* have become a prey of the flames at our great fire. I have kept of some a few copies, and of those I send you enclosed.

My collection of *Hepaticae* is now by far the most complete which exists and namely I have much more than what had been marked *Herb. Loh.* in the *Synopsis Hepaticarum*. I have also received the greatest number of species by the botanists themselves, who named and described them. I would therefore have been able to collect some hundred species for Mr. Sullivan, to whom I beg to recommend myself. As he however probably will have communication with other European botanists of whom he receives sendings, I think it more convenient for him to choose in the Index of the *Synopsis Hepaticarum* which is enclosed, and to mark those species which he wishes to receive from me. I possess now many of

the species described by Dr. Hooker jr. and Dr. Thomas
Baker by the descriptions themselves, my whole collection has
also been exactly compared on publishing the Synopsis.

I observe that your consignments to Dr. Goldschmidt at Altona,
Charles Miller at Halle, and Dr. Lindenberry at Berge-
dorf have been forwarded immediately.

As I shall be very glad to receive from you the dried plants which
you had the kindness to promise me, and I continue to lay
aside for you those which I hope will be agreeable to you.
Should you have some particular wishes regarding botanical
objects I observe that nobody in the whole north of Germany
is perhaps more able than I to accomplish them, and certainly
by nobody more willingly to render service to you. Should you
however wish to communicate with younger botanists, I beg to
allow me, to name you those who can be useful to you.

My friend Dr. Vahl is occupied with a flora of Antarctica
being provided with a very rich material for it. As soon as his
book appears I shall ^{send} a copy of it to you, and if you will be
so good to specify me in this work, what you wish to have.
I hope to receive it for you from my friend Dr. Vahl himself.
I now prepare a new *Flora Capensis*, before it can be finished
it is necessary to compare the herbarium of Mr. Thunberg.

I received nothing in a very long time from Mrs. Torrey Dr.,
although I have sent him repeatedly very fine interesting dried
plants, namely Cyperaceae and grasses. I dare think that you
have become an happy husband, and offer you my rewarded
but cordial gratulation to your marriage.

I beg you will keep in friendly remembrance your trusty
and warmly devoted

Hambourg 22 Juli 1848.

Lehmann *Dr.*

Professor Dr. A. A. Gray.